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referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File.  
I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ron Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is the annual housekeeping measure on behalf of the State Department of Education. Every department has their annual housekeeping bill. The first thing it does is it gives the Commissioner of Education the duty to assign a number to each school district in the state. This is apparently needed for reporting of data back to the United States Department of Education. Secondly, there is a requirement currently in the statute that school buses, when they are sold, will be painted a different color other than the traditional yellow color. What this will do is clarify whose responsibility it is to have the bus painted, and it will be the responsibility of the purchaser as opposed to the responsibility of the seller. Thirdly, Senator Smith, I know that this is a bill that is very exciting to you, it would repeal the law requiring the physician for the Nebraska School for the Deaf to visit the school daily. That is an anachronism in the statute that no longer needs to exist. I would urge you to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, discussion?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Withem, I would like to ask you a question, because I am very interested in this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Go right ahead.

SENATOR SMITH: Why is it no longer needed, the third point, the physician visiting?

SENATOR WITHEM: The requirement is that the physician would visit the school to the deaf, visit it daily, monitor the sanitary condition of the premises and report on the sanitary conditions to the State Board.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I know, Senator Withem, because...

SENATOR WITHEM: It's not a daily...to require that as a daily